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Letter to Bishop Bedell

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My dear Bishop

I came from Warren today & expect to be at home tomorrow. Fifteen were confirmed yesterday. I had Abbott preach last Ev. & was greatly pleased & surprised at the excellence of the sermon in all respects & the force & propriety of his delivery. While we have been looking abroad for men to fill our best pulpits, I suspect we have not named better material than Abbott - so far as preaching goes, & I believe he is a good Pastor. My object in writing now is to put you in possession of matters at Boardman, quoad Mr Boardman, so that if you have any thing more to do with him, you & I may be ~~done~~ one.

After service he & she came to speak to me, an hour which I think was not done and when I was there before. They asked me to come & see them. I answered that probably I would, but it depended on my time before leaving that P. M. for Campfield. When I got to Mr. Murphy where I met his Warden Mr. Fitch, I had inquired my meaning concerning matters, especially how he had treated your application for a right of that paper, I wrote him a note of which a copy is enclosed / Keep it, for I keep an copy - Mr. Murphy has a copy) - Then I went to Campfield - We were taking tea, not having been there more than a half-hour - when he came accompanied by a lady a Miss Beacham (Beauchamp) who I learn lives in & is a teacher in her family - not a member of

the parson. After we had done tea he said he wanted to see
me in private. So we went into another room, leaving Mr. Murphy
& Nell behind. But he called his lady - companion to go with him.
On seeing he had brought her for a witness, I said I could not pro-
ceed with any conversation till I had called on Mr. Murphy & Nell.
They came in. After an introduction ^{by him} about what false things were
said of him this day. I said the point I must get at was
his treatment of your request. He said there was one
thing he regretted in that - viz. that he wrote the answer
on your note - that was wrong. I said you had not mentioned
that. Then he took out a copy of the paper which you asked
for & said he would read it to show that Trustees of the Fund
could be elected only by the Parishioners - that consequently the
late election by the Vestry was unlawful - that as he was then
only Trustee of the previous election - that paper was rightfully
in his keeping & mine but he was in charge of the fund -
I said I could not hear the reading - that I would have
nothing left than the paper or a copy. After a good deal of talk
making about Mr. Murphy & driving matters by which he
tried to raise dust, he handed me a copy with which
he had come provided. The lady was very officious & intrusive,
not to say importunate - putting in her little at various
times - which I bore with all patience - After a long &
exceedingly disagreeable sitting they retired. I have left his
copy of the paper with Mr. Murphy & he is to send me
a copy of it. On inspecting it, I see no foundation for
Bradenham's claims, but on the contrary that the

Right in the body to elect the Trustees -

He is a poor tricky man - I agreed to Mr. S. Murphy
I enclose the list of candidates composed at Campfield &
Warren, or rather I will, if I have I get my things
there shall be time before the train goes -

I hope you got home well you & Son B -

Yours very affectionately
Chas. P. McLean

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attached?